



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (*NOAA*)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - August 13, 2002**

- ***In the West***, hot, dry weather is maintaining heavy irrigation demands but favors small grain maturation and harvesting.
- ***On the Plains***, cool, dry weather favors small-grain harvesting across ***northern portions of the region***. Meanwhile on the ***central Plains***, widespread showers continue to aid drought-stressed pastures and dryland summer crops.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, very warm, unfavorably dry weather continues to stress filling corn and soybeans across ***eastern portions of the region***. Meanwhile, drought-easing rains are falling across the ***southwestern Corn Belt***, including ***northern Missouri***.
- ***In the South***, humid, showery weather in the ***Gulf Coast region*** is slowing fieldwork maintaining favorable soil moisture reserves. Meanwhile across the ***interior South***, warm, mostly dry weather continues to promote summer crop maturation.

**Outlook:** A slow-moving cold front will bring beneficial rainfall to the ***Corn Belt*** through mid-week. Farther south, locally heavy rain is possible across the ***middle and lower Mississippi Valley***. By late week, showers are possible along the weakening front in the ***Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic States***. Elsewhere, daily showers are likely along the ***Gulf Coast***, while hot, dry weather will continue in the ***Southwest***. Cool weather will return to the ***Pacific Northwest*** by week's end. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for August 18-22 calls for hotter-than-normal weather for the ***southern Plains, Southwest***, and from the ***eastern Corn Belt into the Northeast***. Below-normal temperatures are forecast across the ***northern Rockies and northern Plains***. Above-normal rainfall is forecast across the ***eastern Plains***, most of the ***Corn Belt***, and the ***eastern Gulf Coast region***, while drier-than-normal conditions are expected in the ***Four Corners region*** and ***Mid-Atlantic and New England States***.

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